



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Installation of an On-Street Parking Space for Persons' with Disabilities: Parent Avenue

Date:	October 17, 2008
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, North York District
Wards:	Ward 9 – York Centre
Reference Number:	ny08106

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that the Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

To obtain approval to install an on-street disabled persons' parking space on the south side of Parent Avenue approximately 35 metres west of Roding Street and to designate the current school bus loading zone on Roding Street.

The introduction of the disabled persons' parking space will address the distinct needs of parents of students that attend St. Conrad Catholic School while only reducing the available on-street parking by one space and the designation of the school bus loading zone will address the needs of the school buses.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, North York District recommends that:

1. an on-street parking space for persons' with disabilities be established on the south side of Parent Avenue, between a point 35 metres west of the westerly limit of Roding Street and a point 5.5 metres further west thereof;

2. By-law No. 32759, of the former City of North York, be amended by deleting the School Bus Loading Zone, on the south side of Parent Avenue, from the westerly limit of Roding Street to a point 60 metres westerly thereof; and
3. By-law No. 32759, of the former City of North York, be amended by adding a School Bus Loading Zone on the west side of Roding Street, from a point 15 metres south of Parent Avenue to a point 70 metres further south;

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the installation of the on-street disabled persons' parking space on Parent Avenue are included within the Transportation Services Division, North York District's 2008 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Transportation Services Division, North York District, received a request from Doris Bognar, Principal of St. Conrad Catholic School, to investigate the feasibility of installing an on-street disabled persons' parking space adjacent St. Conrad Catholic School on Parent Avenue

COMMENTS

St. Conrad Elementary Catholic School is located on the southwest corner of Parent Avenue and Roding Street. Parent Avenue and Roding Street are classified as local roadways with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h.

Currently parking is permitted up to three hours on the south side of Parent Avenue, between Roding Street and Exbury Road. No Stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday prohibition exists on the north side Parent Avenue between Roding Street and Exbury Road.

Traffic Operations has been advised by the Principal of the school that due to an increase in the number of staff at the school there is no room to facilitate a disabled parking space on school property, resulting in the above noted request.

Our review has indicated that the creation of this on-street disabled persons' parking space will result in the loss of one on-street parking space on the south side of Parent Avenue. The loss of this one space will not result in a negative impact on the current parking demands associated with the school.

It should also be noted that our review has indicated that the existing School Bus Loading Zone signs are actually located on the west side of Roding Street adjacent to St. Conrad Catholic School rather than on the south side of Parent Avenue as per By-law 32759.

The location of the School Bus Loading Zone as signed on Roding Street is adequately servicing the needs of the school. As such, we are requesting that the appropriate By-law be adopted to designate the existing School Bus Loading Zone on Roding Street.

Councillor Maria Augimeri has been advised of the recommendations contained within this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Parent Avenue; Disabled Persons' Parking Space, School Bus Loading Zone (*ny08106_map*)